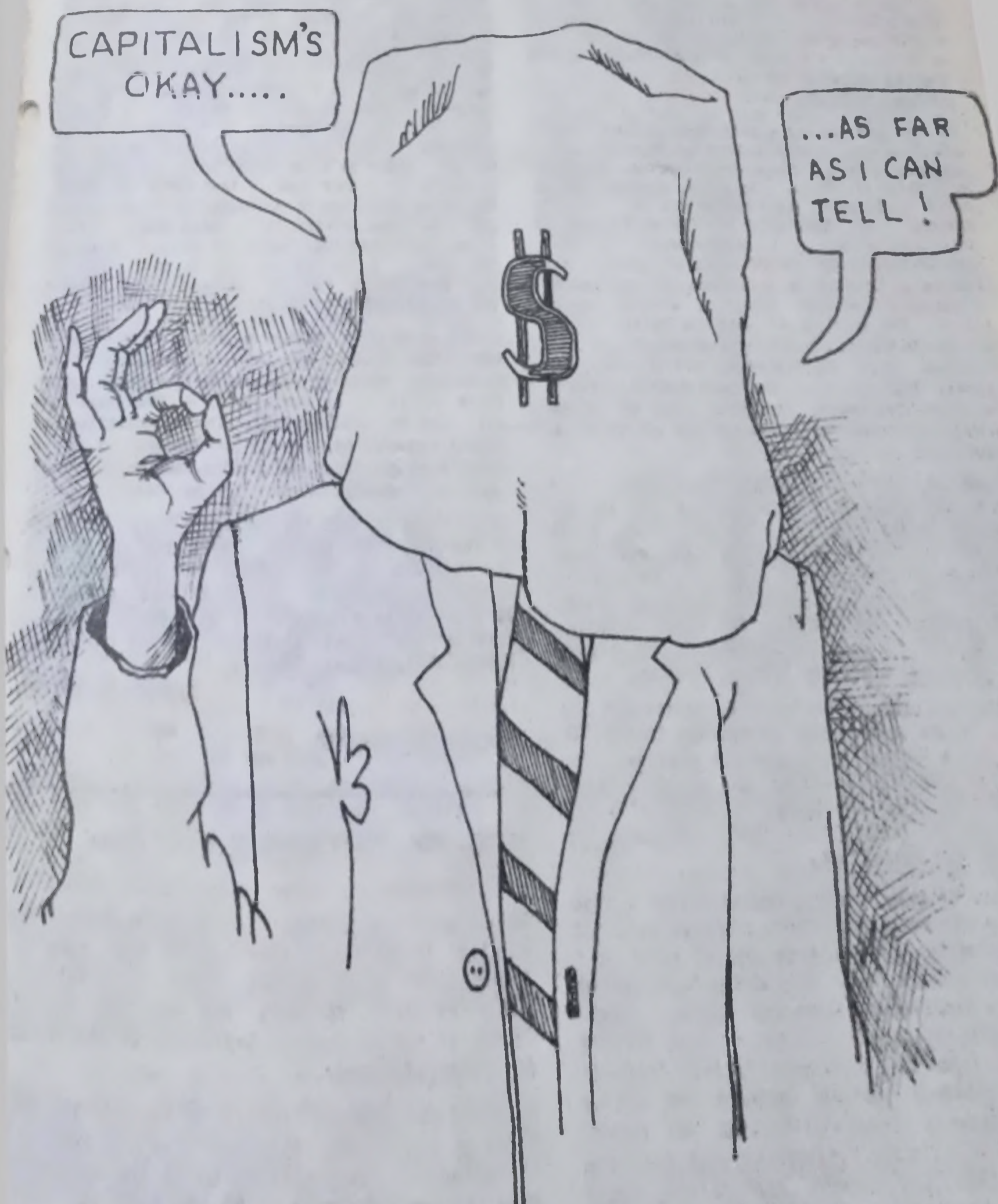


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# SOAPBOX POTPOURRI

Dear Friends:

I am sending to you the completed application form for enrollment into the Socialist Party of Canada. In reply to question number one I have enclosed a letter which explains my past political involvements for the past years.

## QUESTIONS

1. Are you now or have you ever been a member of a political party? If so, list party (parties), dated reason for joining and leaving same, terminated with a statement of your present attitude toward such party (parties).

## APPLICANT'S ANSWERS

For the past two and a half years I have been a member of the Canadian Liberation Movement. This was a group of Leninists who split from the Canadian Party of Labour. The CLM is founded on the basis of Canadian nationalism in the struggle against "U.S. imperialism". The main points of their program were: (1) Canadian unions for Canadian workers; (2) an end to Canadian professors in Canadian universities; (3) the nationalization of Canadian resources without compensation. The movement followed the Marxist line of dividing itself into "all progressive and patriotic classes" under the leadership of the working class. When they re-established the idea of Quebec revolution - the first stage of national liberation; the second being that of socialist revolution.

I came into contact with this group when, as a high-school student, I began working for the CLM Canadian Youth Commission. At that time I had studied the works of Mao Tse-tung and had been influenced by him. I felt that U.S. imperialism was the "primary contradiction" in Canada which, at the moment, overshadowed the class struggle. As a result I joined the movement and became their ideological organizer here in Windsor.

With the continuous readings of Lenin's State and Party, I became well-versed in Leninist theory. I felt, for a long period, that CLM provided the answer to Canada's problems and as time drew stronger until they approached the point of ultra nationalism and chauvinism. These sentiments I held until two months ago.

At the time of this year's summer election I also joined the New Democratic Party. I realized at the time that the NDP was a capitalist party, but I felt that I could "use some votes" and influence those individuals who had become disenchanted with the CLM. It was my hope that I could lead them to CLM and thereby turn its members. Although CLM was against the NDP it never had members. This application for the NDP, although this period I disassociated with the NDP, but thought that reform would come within the party. I also disassociated with

certain aspects of CLM's program although I fervently defended the group when it came under outside attack.

A few weeks ago, however, I began rereading the works of Karl Marx and Frederick Engels and became extremely conscious of the way CLM and other Leninist splinter groups did not follow the Marxist line. At the same time I began to re-examine the literature of the Socialist Party of Canada. In the literature they mentioned Martov's pamphlet, State and Socialist Revolution. I acquired a copy of it from the university library and in reading it I gained knowledge of all the Leninist falsifications of Marxism. I studied both sides of the question - I referred to the writings of Marx and Engels, Martov, Kautsky and Lenin. Doing so I confirmed in my own mind what I feared for a long time - that Lenin was wrong. Of course this came as a great blow to me to find out that I was working for a false goal. Later, I was told that this came and that I found out the truth. I now realize that we must fight for the emancipation of the working-class through the establishment of socialism.

I have completely broken my ties to the Canadian Liberation Movement and the New Democratic Party. Socialism cannot be achieved by reforming capitalism nor can it be achieved by a "vanguard" who will lead the proletariat. The emancipation of labour can only be the work of labour. I am now hostile to all those allegedly labour, "socialist" or "communist" groups and parties.

My attitude is that the Socialist Party of Canada is the only truly Marxist party that can educate the workers in the ideals and objectives of scientific socialism. It is my hope that I can be accepted as a member. I am eager to participate in the class struggle and the release of labour's class-consciousness.

Leonard B. Wallace

## APPLICATION ACCEPTED

## LETTER FROM "THE PEOPLE'S PARTY", NEW YORK

Dear Comrades:

We are glad to include you in an exchange with member to our newsletter which has come out irregularly since August 1971. This letter is meant to reply to yours and as two specific charges of you as General Secretary of the Socialist Party of Canada.

We would not presume to try to explain the PC's views on how to deal with old time and power for its struggles that will be as to the movement in open through practice. We tell you that we support the PC, because we agree with their and

will and foresee their ability to benefit from the socialist experiments and experiences to date in order to strive for the most correct path under their specific conditions toward our common goal.

Yours in the same struggle. (Signed) J.M. Ives

(Reply)

Dear Friends:

I purchased a copy of "Toward an International Strategy" by Dan Barrett, and read it as you suggested. I was not too surprised to discover that it was devoted, from beginning to end to the use of violence for the purpose of winning political control of various territories and sources of raw materials and markets for the Russian or Russian-Chinese empire as against the U.S. Empire and others. I do not understand why you are opposed to the interests of US millionaires and in favor of the Russian & Chinese variety, unless it is because you have had first hand experience with the US kind of capitalism & don't know yet that the Russian state variety is just as bad or worse.

Rather than live under it for a lifetime I can suggest a short-cut. Read the literature of the Canadian Parties of Socialism for two years.

You may discover the necessary evidence that it is the worst, cruelest, most brutal system that is conceivable for our common existence. Not only is it wrong in itself but it is also wrong in the interests of the world's workers it is not necessary to build more capitalism in undeveloped

...one of the saddest things. So as to the charge of words for word content. I am particularly upset by the article in the Starline (see page 1) you check the word "imperialism" in a good dictionary and you discover a beautiful ad. but don't know what it means in Canada. You will find it refers to a certain social arrangement. "Imperialism" is the word which must be used against imperialism. I think you will agree that there is no reason to call them "imperialists". True, the literal meaning is "imperialism" but that is not at all the way it is used. It denotes a system of social order or social life. And to call the PC who said at the time "to the workers" is definitely ridiculous from any angle. I will go even further that the PC in question is still a victim. And to imply intellectual dishonesty is just as wrong in my case. You can tell your party that she believes every statement word she uttered when she wrote her country. I am with her doubt you must admit it is her country. Look, a little more truthfulness, comrades, before putting words in print. There is no use of around that end the deed is done.

As for the last article on only content to be correct other than to ask who was state in the brief article that is too obvious to be with socialism that you suggest it all over the hour and of the Socialist Party of Canada.

Cardinal, Harris, Boston.

countries, not by Russia or China, what is needed is social control, and capitalism, of the industry & technology which presently exist.

Barrett's moral code from the beginning - "To die under the flag of the U.S. of Guatemala, of Laos, of Bolivia, of Colombia, of Bolivia, of Brazil - to save only a few millions of today's armed struggle - would be equally glorious and desirable for an American, an Asian, an African, even a European". This kind of death has been known to the capitalist class since their system first came into existence.

All nationalisms are capitalist traps. The only American, Asian or African, are capitalist. The rest are members of the world working class who can no government form or article should who can no government.

The only thing I can urge to be become political class conscious. CLM, so that you can't continue to fall for that false message, the Soviet imperialism, so that you can live in peace for a free society instead of violent drive for some section of the world capitalist class against another section.

Please don't continue to waste your time and mine.

Sincerely, General Secretary.

## REPLY

I am quite sure of the exact definition of imperialism. I do not however write that I am wrong to extend its meaning to include the feeling of the underdevelopment of people who believe which others instead of being involved themselves. This term also applies to imperialism, imperialism, imperialism etc. including the term I feel for force matters and the "you do something for me" given has become part of the state in society and culture. Now fair it is to use both loaded terms. I can not say but in any event I can not use it. As to the status of the PC branch it was an understanding that she used to run a cell house. Since I no longer release the source of this information I have to understand a source of doubt and if I am wrong in this I apologize. It was not harmful to the work, though in that brief article in this event.

As to Harris's "to the workers" on the U.S.C. article, the introduction referred to me in the first report. There was another introduction on the editorial article which should be quite clear. Criticism persons should be allowed to express the truth, support and nothing to do with socialism. Indeed, this was a slight bias for one person's own bias to some degree of socialist ideology. And whether capitalists like to admit it or not there are still a large number of people with various degrees of bias for capitalism, these people education through union. If the article on the C.P.C. last weekend showed whether that situation has been turned a good message.

Again you happy, we are glad of any efforts to work as on our side.

Leonard Wallace.

## CONSERVATIVE STATE OWNERSHIP

It is not in the sense of any passing fancy, that the openly capitalist media co-operates with the so-called "Communist" - Mao-ist or CCF-NDP parties to keep the myth alive that the state welfare capitalism advocated by these organizations is "Socialism". Or is the same as the wage-less, price-less, profit-less deal of common ownership. Being conscious of its separate existence as a dominant class, and of its interests, it, through its media, leaves no stone unturned in the ideological struggle, so far one sided.

A politically knowledgeable working class will be the death-knell of capitalism. Will be the cutting tool that will be used to remove the softy-lined steel collars from the necks of those who, in one compartment in their minds, think a good job in the welfare state is all there is to life. It will usher in the world system of free and equal citizenship, where everyone will be able to develop the potential they were born with.

A local example of the general press prostitution are the editorials of the "Victoria Times", which have consistently praised or condemned B.C.'s "Socialist" government according to the editor's opinion of that government's usefulness to the processes of exploitation in Canada's westernmost province. But recently this editor must have had to do some strategic head-scratching when confronted with the Alberta Conservative government takeover of Pacific Western Airlines. Here was a dreg-in-the-wool, hide-bound, right-wing party, without even the rural radical glow of the Socreds, doing something that was only expected of the NDP's Dave Barrett of "Socialist" B.C. Torn between making a "Marxian" out of Premier Lougheed of Alberta, or revealing the conservatism of B.C.'s Barrett, he played it safe and did a little of both. He titled his August 3rd, piece "Foot Marx in The Foothills" (of Alberta). He proselitized that the Alberta executive leader "...outsocialized even Premier Barrett who could only match the news from Edmonton with the purchase of a mere bus line". Fluctuating for a moment toward reality, he seemed to opine "...the public in almost every province has become so used to its governments taking active financial part in so many previously private enterprises that Mr. Lougheed's purchase occasioned less curiosity about what had been done as about who had done it." (Overlooking for a moment, another myth contained here, that governments are the possessions of the electorate).

## EVERYWHERE ELSE, ITS THE SAME

The trend toward not being able to distinguish the left from the right, when either are occupying the bosses' political office, is universal. The former Chilean government for instance, (the

one that was the friend of the workers!) took over the U.S. copper mines without compensation to the former owners. The present right-wing military dictatorship which does not pretend to be "Socialist" has retained state ownership of these enterprises, the only difference being that it is going to compensate the former private owners, which would indicate that both Allende's government and the military dictatorship were/are both tied to the same strings of loyal, Chilean invested capital, with the army government willing to compromise with foreign capital more than Allende was willing, or could do.

Cleaning up Chile's slums seems to be just as big a priority with the dictators as it was with the liberals, according to a recent write-up in the Aug. 20/74 Victoria Times. The dispatch comes directly from Santiago and tells us that the Junta appointed mayor of Chile's capital estimated that "People cannot live in misery". It has started off where Allende's 10 year program of new, 2 room lean-tos left off - with cheap, prefab houses designed to last 20 years, of its own. It has titled its program fancily - "Poblacion 28 de Septiembre" and is using its "National Youth Secretariat" as a patriotic vehicle for the purpose. (No qualitative comparison has been made between these shelters for the potential proletariat and the mansions of the elite who reside on the other side of Santiago). One of the youth force's commanders is Rene Sobral, a journeyman carpenter who "acquired his military bearing in the 'Revolutionary Left Movement', a semi-clandestine, extreme left organization that supported president Allende". Rene never had to split a single ideological hair, in his switch operation from extreme left to extreme right. Underneath it all lies the profit economics of capitalism. The appropriation of unpaid labor is something that capital pushes to the limit of working class political ignorance, even to the point of twisting the workers into "voluntary" unpaid labor (as in the current case of the Russian rulers who are currently acquiring the monetary proceeds of totally free labor from Soviet youth in building a new trans-Siberian railway). These Chilean youths eat a donation of milk, to counter the effects of unheating insulation dust. An act of capitalist benevolence that not even Allende could top.

## BACK TO ALBERTA

"The executive of the modern state", said Marx and Engels over a hundred years ago, is but a committee for managing the common affairs of the whole bourgeoisie, and capitalism, whether it wants to or not, had been unable to make itself out of these two social scientists. When the Pacific Western Airlines take-over news hit the Canadian stock market, its shares roughly doubled in value, which was undoubtedly good news to the private owners. Lougheed was quoted as saying that the government purchase of Canada's second largest airline was to help "Pacific Western's capacity to expand and serve Alberta's growth needs" (V.T. Aug. 3/74) which, translated from camouflage language means - to serve the profit interests of capital invested in Alberta, foreign and local. Business is booming. A recent Tim

magazine article calls Alberta "The New Industrial Province". Another release indicated the businessmen of Alberta wanted to retain their monopoly of supply routes to the mineral and timber riches of the north as against competition from those of B.C.

Most recent development is the intention of a West German chemical consortium to invest 300 million to 400 million dollars in "Alberta's" petrochemical industry. Now it's a fair bet that there are many wage workers in that province who were never aware that they were part owners of a petrochemical industry, that too much attention should not be paid to the daily press's habitual use of such nonsensical phrases as "Alberta's rich", or "B.C.'s share". The German shareholders alone own that 6400 million of capital. They own it now, and they will own it later, also more, when the workers of Alberta have expended it for them. And they can be satisfied that they have an obedient state servant willing and able to supply an adequate air freight and supply system for their profit making ventures in Alberta, just as the U.S. oil men do.

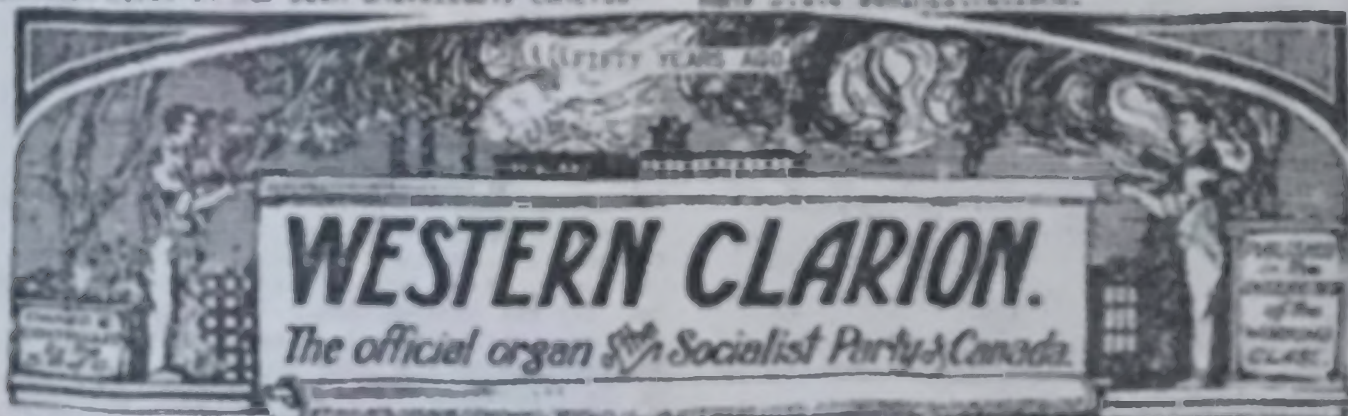
Furthermore, as another instance of the alacrity with which governments jump to attention whenever their business controllers pull the strings, the Alberta Conservatives, like their counterparts in Chile, are willing to help their financial bosses in the labor-over fields too. Three million dollars has just been donated by this provincial official administration for the construction of Hells housing. But not for all Hells - only those now living in "growth corridor" areas: Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie and the Hinton-Edson corridor." (V.T. Ass. (1/74). To clarify the labor-over connection here-it has been unavoidably concluded

ed that materials and machinery by themselves will not create surplus value; that a third human ingredient is needed. The whole surplus of the workers (above their need) is the source of profit. If the Hells or any other workers are to be used for the greater glory of growth, they must be educated, housed, fed, clothed and educated for efficient production. All governments, left and right, recognize this. It is part of the economic constitution of capitalism.

Meanwhile, back to the Hells press prostitute in Victoria. The "Press" editors in his publications continued - "But Mr. Barrett (the President of B.C.) will have to move quickly to escape having his socialization projects swallowed up by the current trend of provincial and federal governments to become involved in business enterprises of all kinds. Such involvement of public funds money is hardly any more the mark of a socialist administration, than Liberals and Conservatives also indulge freely."

This editor either has confidence in the ability of the workers, their short memories, or their distracting energies in survival struggles to take note of his inconsistency. Because nine days after he admitted the NDP was no more Socialist than the Tories or Brits, he referred to "The NDP machine". But between the socialist doctrine and the actual policy of a government, ... (ours).

Inconsistency is part of his job, like the rest of the media of those who own and rule. To keep the useful section of society from understanding the exploitative nature of the wage, prices, profits economy of world capitalism and its mere state administrations.



From an article by George Hobb, Sept. 16, 1924

The standard of socialism is as unshaken by war or peace as the rocky crests of time. We are wage slaves, because capital exists. In no wise can we be free without its overthrow. We are in poverty because the capitalist class owns the means of our life. We are subject to their state, because the state is the protection of their privileges. We are nurtured in their law, for by their law we are exploited. We are educated in their schools for their teaching is the ethic of slavery. We have freedom of the press, because the press is the sanctity of property. We have freedom of thought, for our thought is the cult of success. We have political democracy, because

their parliaments are the safehouses of power. We have freedom of speech, for our speech is the safety of wealth, freedom of initiative, for initiative is the foundation of wealth and liberty of conscience, for conscience is the ground of their supremacy. We are puzzled on the verbiage of "right", "wrong" with the burdens of "justice", distraught with the vanity of "morality". We tell when they require us to hold to their need, we sacrifice to their military endeavor for their glorification, by millions we perish on the battlefields of their imperialism, and we toil, and starve, and sacrifice, and suffer and die, because in our dark ignorance we are the slaves of capital and its accomplices, knowing not whence to turn for relief.

# Production for Profit—

"Marketing is the weakest link in the chain that moves food from the farmers to the starving people of the world." So said Eugene Whalen, federal Agricultural minister at the 43rd Couchiching conference. A photo accompanied this news report, of the Minister with his eyes rolled skyward, a hopeless or resigned look on his face. Maybe tongue in cheek too. If only starving people had the money to buy food, then the marketing problem would be solved. But the workers of the world only have access to productive - distributive facilities when their labor can produce profits for the owners of these facilities. And in exchange for their energy they receive an equivalent of its value, merely enough generally, to keep them producing. This amounts to so relatively little that when not producing, they need the state dole. In backward areas of the earth, where the population is not very far into modern capitalism yet, there are a lot of nomad, peasant types subsisting on primitive agriculture and herds, or suffering the painful transition from a feudal serfdom to early industrial wage-slavery. When droughts or floods cut off their scratchy livelihoods, what little food aid might be forthcoming from the industrial giants is measured against any possible profit potential there might be within their bodies-minds or within the areas they inhabit. Otherwise, if they want to eat they must pay or starve. Generally, whether propertyless people live or die, wear clothes or not, drive cars or fly in aeroplanes, revolves around whether they can be useful to expand capital or not.

Yes, Mr. Whalen's poser has been pondered many times before, by farmers and their spokesmen. And they will continue to ponder this poser presumably until a majority of the world's workers take the necessary intelligent political action to transfer ownership of the earth to its people, and to quit producing wealth for a boss class who must sell it to realize profits. The wages, prices, profit system will continue to be a barrier to freedom & well being until it ends. Those who want the system to magically do what it is not built for are doomed to disillusionment.

Market demand, (sales) happens to be up at the moment for Canadian grain. So prairie farmers are busy in top production. A few years ago this was not so, and the wheat farmers were forced to reduce output to a quota system, and airborne spies were employed by the government to track down cheaters, who were fined for "bootlegging" grain above their quota. Laws under capitalism are brought in by governments, who rule in the interests of owners of capital. People in other countries were starving at their usual rate at this particular time. But that made no difference to the commercial process in Canada, or anywhere else. Granaries, elevators, abandoned houses and barns were full or overflowing wheat, and it was piled high in the open fields. This

is yet another illustration of the irreconcilable clash between the interests of society and those of capital.

Recent reports indicate that high demand for grain will fall again soon, and there will be more "surpluses" that people are not allowed to consume. The Free Press Report on Farming Aug. 17/74 quotes the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture that "Demand for wheat may ease in 1974-75.....exports are expected to fall...because of smaller expected shipments to the USSR...China, and stiffer competition from other exporting countries". (Our emphasis). Another farm journal "The Western Producer - July 18/74" headlines - "Surpluses 'Alarming' In Common Market" - (European) and another report says turkey production in B.C. is to be cut back by 10 per cent through lack of buyers across Canada. Simultaneously, "Four million people in the north-eastern Indian state of Bihar are on the brink of starvation, following the India-Bangladesh flood disaster, the Times of India says". (Victoria Times, Aug. 17/74) The same daily published a map of Africa and Asia showing starvation areas and names of countries involved, where "between 400 and 500 millions of children are imperiled", with a "UNICEF Warns of Famine" headline.

Capitalism is totally dependent upon the political

## The Dead Ontario Widow

Texaco Canada Ltd. must have had to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for that full page ad they ran a few weeks ago, featuring a photo of a giant oil tanker, obviously attempting to counter the oil companies' polluter image. Good political mileage for the capitalist class everywhere, too. Part of the message read - "Canadians were kept warm last winter because of the activities of the oil companies." The other part of the message being that production for profit is allegedly a classless process, serving not only the owners of the productive-distributive apparatus, but the wage-working class also -- the class that produces it all, is separated from all of it and consumes only a fraction of it. One wonders if the freezing Indians and Metis of last winter saw the Texaco ad. People who went without adequate warmth because they did not have the money to buy adequate fuel oil or stoves or shelter because the shareholders of these firms must cash in on the profit wrung from their workers, during the production of these commodities. The profit priority always wins.

## STATE OWNERSHIP - SAME THING

Take the report from Toronto (Victoria Times, Oct. 10/72) of the 77 year old widow and her daughter who went without lighting and cooking facilities for 6 days after the Borough of York cut off the electric power for non-payment of a \$118. bill.

# STARVATION

al unconsciousness of the workers for its continued existence. Naturally, it long ago contrived a good story to put the blame for hunger amidst potential plenty somewhere else. Its media is saturated with conferences and reports by learned academics about the "overpopulation" problem, to make hunger look like the result of the inability of technical knowledge to keep up to a rising population. The current world population conference in Bucharest is having a field day with dire predictions.

Scattered like a few grains of wheat in a bin of chaff, one can find the odd report based on reality. Such is the one by Roger Revelle, a Harvard University population expert, (Victoria Times, Aug 17/74) originating in Toronto. "He told the world congress on sociology that all resources are renewable. The sun is an inexhaustible source of energy he said. The main problem facing the world is food production—not population growth". That is as far as he went. "He said that a world population of 38 billion to 40 billion might be supported if adequate farming methods are adopted around the globe. That's 10 to 13 times the current world population". But like Eugene Whelan, he either did not know why this does not happen, or he knew but cared not to say.

Some of capitalism's administrators are not always on their political toes -- at times exhibiting less than top form in their white-washing chores, accidentally allowing ugly reality to show where the workers can see it. The widow, Mrs. Christina Robertson, was fortunate in that she used a coal and wood furnace for heating, so that she and her daughter were able to survive the power outage caused by capitalism, on a healthful diet of potato chips and coffee from restaurants during their no-cooking siege. But the monetary interest was too naked apparently, in this not unusual action by a government-run facility, and Ontario's more astute Attorney-General ordered York's naive Mayor to restore the power for "humanitarian reasons." (Their quotes). Capitalism must preserve its public image.

The Attorney - General may have been spurred by another incident (in the same report) - the inquest into the death of 67 year-old Mrs. Marion Thomas. She died of exposure the previous December - "...a few days after the hydro was cut off for non-payment." She apparently was forced to test the phoney political theory that the state serves all the people, as against the practicality of a coal and wood furnace for heating purposes. Even more practical is a social system wherein all productive-distributive-technological facilities are owned and controlled by mankind, for all humanity.

Naturally, the participants of the inquest did not question their political ideas. The blame for Mrs. Thomas's death was never put on trial.

"But war's a game, which, were their subjects wise; Kings would not play at."

(Wm. Cowper, 1731/1800.)

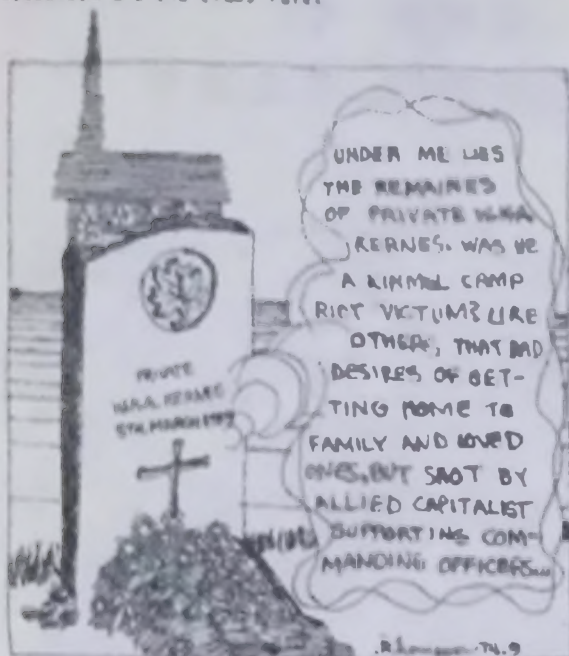
## JOURNEY'S END AT KINMEL CAMP

In 1910 the luxurious white Star liner, "OLYMPIC" was launched at Belfast. She had a crew of 860, scheduled to carry 2,500 passengers and was fitted with flats as well as cabins, shops, swimming bath and roller skating rink, in fact, a veritable floating palace. Indeed to paraphrase Lloyd George's - "Homes fit for Heroes to live in"; this was surely "a ship fit for heroes to travel in" as those naive supporters of this "Best of all possible world" might think.

1914 saw thousands of Canadian citizens volunteering for the Canadian Expeditionary force at the outbreak of the 1914/18 war, among them this writer's father, who four years later was also among the returning Canadians en route to Canada via the ill fated Kinmel Camp near Rhyl, North Wales. November 1918 and the long sustained nightmare of trench warfare, bloody "inhumanity to man" and destruction of towns and villages on a scale hitherto unknown with rival sections of the ruling capitalist class using their working class boxing gloves to settle their murderous quarrel over territory, markets & mineral source came to a comparatively shortlived end. A mere twenty years later the working class were again called upon to lay down their lives in the master's interests as the monster's made of Kaiser Bill was now replaced by that of Hitler. The economic cause, however, remained the same.

FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE END OF HOSTILITIES, thousands of Canadian soldiers were still waiting on transport to their homes in Canada, dumped in Wales to cool their heels after surviving, come hell or high water, their rulers' interests. But the understandable impatience of these long suffering soldiers was mounting and the Commander of the camp, one Colonel Colquhoun had sent a Col. Thackrey to Canadian H.Q. in London to explain the position and bring back some news of transport timing. But the pot was beginning to boil over and on the night of Tuesday 4th March, 1919 a riot began. According to the "London Times" of 7th and 8th March, 1919 the rioting and shooting went on until late afternoon the following day Wed. 5th March when the camp appeared ...quote "As though it had been passed over by legions of tanks".

during the disturbance a number of men had been arrested, but the rioting soldiers demanded their release and when the Colonel refused, they released the prisoners themselves. Which seems to show that the working class can act in their own interests on odd occasions, but of course their main assault must be through the ballot box. Outlines of strikes may gain a bit of ground at times, but can never solve the main issue, to abolish the wages system. Only socialist class conscious action at the ballot box can achieve socialism and end class rule.



The Kinmel Camp Riot, described by the Times as... "The worst that has happened in this country"; was the direct result of long delay in sending home men who were war weary and in no mood to be trifled with so that finally they tried to force the issue in a riot after a meeting had been held by the so called "ringleaders" described by the Times as... "men with Bolshevik tendencies"... who were... "Not true Canadians, but men with Russian blood". (!) Apparently there had been no official objection to their so called "Russian blood" four years earlier when accepted as Canadian Volunteers! However, the failure of the Shipping authorities to expedite transport for these men was the CAUSE of the riot and this was also confirmed by the official statement of the Ministry of Overseas Forces of Canada. "Russian" blood notwithstanding!

The sequel to all this brings us back to our opening paragraph on the "Olympic", because it was NOT UNTIL 12th March seven days after 12 men had lost their lives in the Kinmel riot, that this Queen of the Seas comes into the picture. On that day, in the British House of Commons Viscount Wolmer asked Col. L. Wilson, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Shipping Controller... "Whether he was aware of the complaints by Canadian Soldiers that insufficient shipping had been allocated for their return to Canada with conse-

quent rioting at Kinmel Camp?" In his reply Col. Wilson stated... "In order to meet the situation that has arisen His Majesty's Government has specially allocated the "Olympic" to convey 6,000 Canadian troops to Halifax, although the vessel would not, in normal circumstances, be considered suitable for this service". end quote. (Hansard 12th March, 1919.) (my italics.GRR.)

So before this special favor was granted by the Ruling class, 12 men who had escaped death in the hell of the trenches, had lost their lives in "peaceful" Wales when they could have been home in Canada by the "Olympic". This is something the working class of Canada should "chew their cud" on, before they too become "cannon fodder" in capitalism's ever present fratricidal conflicts.

#### A Devil's Advocate from the War Office

The day after the riot ended, an Officer arrived by aeroplane from the War Office and assured the men that about half their number would be on their way home within a few days. He followed this up with a piece of sophistry that would do justice to any devil's advocate. He told the men - "It was murder for Canadians to kill Canadians" Here was an emissary from the War Office, official headquarters of many organized mass murder campaigns, which authorized the murder of as many Germans as possible, even presenting medals for same when the dirty business was efficiently carried out! Apparently saying it was all a ghastly mistake, that it really was wrong to kill after all! But of course capitalism not only condones murder, but uses it's filthy lucre to pay for it to be done. The soldier's pay books were always collected from their dead bodies after a battle. In this instance they were not paid to kill Canadians, but only Germans! But whether the spokesmen for capitalism hold forth in Wales, Canada, Germany, France, USA, USSR, or any other part of the capitalist world, they all speak in support of their murderous system with glib, forked or other tongues as the occasion demands. However, socialists are organizing throughout said world with one object; the abolition of the wages system and the introduction of non-murderous society! SOCIALISM. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

G.R. Russell (SPGB)

## JIM MILNE

Jim Milne, one of Socialism's most ardent supporters, died on July 11, 1974, in Squamish Hospital, B.C. after a painful illness.

Some old-timers may recall "Lester's Corner" in the One Big Union bulletin. Jim would recount that it was the viewpoint expressed in this column that sparked his interest in Socialism. In the O.B.U. hall he met Fred Neale and George Armstrong, who at that time were soap-boxing in Market Square and taking turnabout as chairman one week, speaker the next week. They convinced him of the soundness of the Socialist case and thereafter Jim's main interest in life, outside his

family, was the propagation of Socialism. He joined the SPC in 1932 and became one of its most active members - conducting a class in Marxian economics in the Market Street Local, writing for the Western Socialist and speaking on the Party platform.

He was thorough when explaining the Marxian analysis of capitalism. Well remembered is an article Jim wrote in the Dec/45 Western Socialist as an introduction to economics, where he used a drawing of ten barrels of beer, each barrel from a different brewery, to reveal the socially necessary labor aspect of value.

The Western Socialist was initially produced through the combined efforts of Jim and the late Alex Shepherd and served as the official organ of the SPC until World War II when the Journal was banned in Canada. It was then produced by our Comrades in Boston and has become the joint organ of the World Socialist Party U.S. and the Socialist Party of Canada.

Jim wrote the series of Party leaflets issued during the '60's that were so well received, and used by some of our Companion Parties. They were reprinted in the Western Socialist and some in the Socialist Standard of the Socialist Party of Great Britain. Some of these leaflets were reproduced by that party as a pamphlet under the title - "Capitalist, Worker, Class Struggle." Some are still being distributed as an effective introduction to social science.

He was particularly adept at exposing the confusion personified in reform parties like the CCF-NDP and so-called "Communist" Parties who purloin themselves as friends of the working class (though today, all capitalist parties, regardless of "Socialist" sounding names, because of the chaos of the system, have become reform parties).

He wrote the leaflet "Two Worlds" and the pamphlet, "The Meaning of Social Revolution" around the end of World War II, which is still being distributed. The 1945 Party pamphlet, "The Russian Revolution, Its Origin and Outcome," was the product of Jim's efforts. Still available, and in spite of more recent information on the subject, is still informative about the bourgeois revolution that set the real Socialist movement back 40 years or more.

He was one of the determined group, who, with speakers like Fred Neale and Phil Kaiser had to contend with the absolutist, muscular kind of opposition expressed by the phony "Communist" Party during the 30's. The state capitalist, extreme left in those days was similar to its present representatives and the extreme right, in that they strived to prove the superiority of their own ideas by ensuring that other ideas never became known.

About a year ago Jim set about the task of writing a comprehensive history of the SPC (from 1905) which he completed a few months ago. It traces the evolution and progression of Socialist understanding and the political organization for

achieving a Socialist society which took place in the first of "old" Socialist Party of Canada. Hopefully it will be published in conjunction with a revision of the old "Manifesto of the Socialist Party of Canada," during 1975, which will be the 70th. anniversary of the SPC. As an employee of the CNA, Jim was elected chairman of the German Union Grievance Committee, in which capacity he served for many years. It was largely through the efforts of Jim and other comrades in his local union that defeated a resolution proposed by supporters of the NDP to impose a per capita tax on members of his local, to help the NDP. Jim vigorously opposed similar nonsensical ideas.

Jim was recording secretary when the General Executive Committee was in Winnipeg, and was rarely absent from any Party functions. All who knew him, liked and respected his keen intellect and clear views on the class struggle. Like the rest of the Winnipeg Comrades, the home of Jim and Greta (also a member, who predeceased him in 1972) was always open to travelling, visiting Socialists. He will be missed by all of us.

#### OH NO! NOT THAT:

In Johannesburg, Psychiatric treatment had been ordered for a zoo chimpanzee whose mind became disturbed by humans mimicking him. The ape had been put on tranquilizers before that, after he began smoking cigarettes thrown into his cage. It is positively outrageous that an innocent animal should be subjected to the level of stress that is accepted by politically innocent wage-slaves as a normal part of "life" in their tangibly invisible cage. So that he too, was reduced to the abject level of inhaling the noxious but tranquilizing smoke of the weed.

But all is not lost. Marie Tracy of Vancouver, a crusader against smoking (without touching the cause of smoking) and for the rights of those who manage not to smoke to enjoy smoke-less air in public places, will solve the problem. Being devoted to her particular piece of piece-meal solutions to the manifold problems spawned by capitalism, she has daringly brought in a new dimension - the solution to two problems in conjunction. (Two for the price of one). She claims that (Victoria Times, Sept. 3/74) "by jointly not smoking we (she and her husband) saved the down payment for a house".

But what happens if a wage-worker loses his or her job, and can't keep up the payments? Or has to take more stressful lip from the foreman, because he can't quit because of those heavy house payments? Worry, monotony, forced idleness have all been shown to be causes of smoking. And the poverty problem remains, in spite of such a feathery touch, of some workers foregoing one "luxury" so they can afford another. Refraining from some mild escapisms has no effect on the results of the process of workers producing everything for another class, while receiving a mere maintenance allowance in return to renew their flagging energies.

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## THE NDP AND ELECTION '74

The polling results are no longer news. But the strategies used are still being debated. The Progressive-Conservatives and the New Democratic Party were losers; both of these parties of capitalism (right and left) are going to be looking for new leaders. Being parties that do not question the class division of society into owners and non-owners of the means of production and distribution, they, as well as the Liberals and all other parties except the Socialist Party, appeal to voters on the basis of ignorance of capitalism. Hence their reliance on leaders, or front-men, with "charisma"--the ability to charm and hypnotize. The ability to con the working class to not rely on their own thinking abilities but instead to "follow the leader".

Robert Stanfield, the Conservative's present shepherd is regarded as being too stodgy and colorless. The NDP's messiah, David Lewis, suffered "personal" defeat at the hands of the balloting battalions, and has decided to step down.

The NDP literary voice of the prairie radicals has indicated a "leadership convention" is in the offing. It emphasized that, "It is essential that the new leader is someone with a broad appeal to voters generally and with the temperament and ability to unify the party behind him". (The Commonwealth, July 31/74). There is no mistaking the NDP's priorities. Votes. For administrative office for the purpose of running capitalism. It is in the game of leading the blind down the garden path, in the unconscious belief that the exploitative system can serve the victims too.

A classless world democracy of common (not state) ownership and democratic control is the solution to the problems of the majority - and it should be obvious that such a social condition can only be attained when the wage-working majority is aware of its separate class interests. It will need a democratically operated Party which would have no need of leaders telling it where to go, but which would be its political servant instead. A party in which the "temperament and personal appeal" of the executives would be irrelevant. The only criterion for the workers' party administrators would be their ability to co-ordinate the orders of the class conscious membership.

## A REWARD, FOR A FAITHFUL SERVANT

For a Party who's singular goal is winning elections, at the expense of the class it pretends to be a friend of, its net loss of 15 seats in the recent federal election is unpalatable to say the least. But the privileged minority of society and its entourage believes in paying off its loyalists, inauspiciously at least. Now at the end of his years of party anti-working class indoctrination, Lewis is being awarded a teaching post in a "neutral" institution, Carlton University in Ottawa. He has been appointed a visiting fellow in the Institute of Canadian Studies, where he will be revered, and his pronouncements in

political "science" hopefully swallowed, "hook, line and sinker" as the old expression goes. Capitalism needs many shifting faces, to keep its wage-slaving source of profits confused. Over in right field, the Conservative strategists in the recent election thought wage and price controls was a good vote-catching plank to have on its platform. No matter that this was an NDP plank years ago when that party was known as the CCF, and was allegedly more "Socialist" than it is now. The Conservative post election conclusion is that they made a mistake. Seems that proletarian politicians like the idea of price controls, but not wage restrictions.

Another theory is that the NDP was in a contradictory position, having been the support for the former Liberal minority government needed to stay in office during the past two years. The workers being asked to choose a political machine to administer their slow death for the greater glory of profit for another four years, were confronted with the spectacle of the NDP electioneering against Liberal government policy they had partially supported previously. Opportunism can go too far.

Another theoretical cause of the NDP wreckage is Trudeau's promise to increase taxation of the big "corporate welfare bums". This was one of Lewis' big come-ons. So easy for an openly capitalist party to steal planks from another champion of the system, who is pretending to be something else. There is no problem in increasing, or decreasing taxes, as far as the overall profit making picture is concerned. The minority owners of society have to pay taxes to keep their national commercial empires going.

David Lewis is not the first CCF-NDP wheel to be rewarded and extolled by the rulers of Canada, for work well done, in spite of party failure at the polls. When that party's second father-in-law M.J. Coldwell, retired from the helm, he was praised in Liberal and Conservative daily papers from east to west. He too, as is recalled, was awarded a teaching-writing career at Carlton, where he could condition - maneuver young workers along the paths of ruling class righteousness, under the guise of political neutrality.

In 1939, Mr. Coldwell, had to jerk one of the reins of capitalist necessity out of the hands of the CCF's first leader -- J. S. Woodsworth, who was too much of an idealist. Coldwell put his party on record as supporting World War II.

Interviewed after the recent election, he predicted the NDP would "someday replace either the Liberals or Conservatives as one of the two major political parties... the party we would replace, would be with a small-c, a conservative party". (Victoria Times, Aug. 26/74). A "Socialist" party replacing a conservative party? Easy - just change the name and the leader, because nowadays, in capitalism's latter day chaos, the left is indistinguishable from the right, they are all reformists in office. For instance, Alberta Conservative MP, Jack Horner says he is going to seek a non-Socialist Conservative leader. By this he means a non reformist figure head. This

kind of blunder in the past is only relevant out of office. The new US president John Ford, for instance, confronted with the unpleasant task of administratively trying to cope with the fear-somnambulance of the system has "moved left" from his old congressional House record in the form of amnesty for "deserters", a national health insurance, etc.

Coldwell continued: "I feel I've been able to make some little contribution to the benefit of my fellow Canadians". To Coldwell's society was still classless: what Canadian? There are their mansions who own the means of production? Or the "Canadian" who defended the rulers' markets, who kept sources of raw materials open, and who now lie in military cemeteries across Europe? Not that war is the only social problem of workers.

Now Coldwell has died, and the owning class dividends have just started rolling in, beginning with Conservative Senator Gratton D. Leary who once said: "Coldwell brought a civilized mind to politics..." (The velvet glove to capitalist politics).

However, the interests of the useful class lie in basic change, to a wage-less, money-less, state-less system of free access, voluntary work contribution and conscious, democratic control, world wide. In Canada on the other hand, the NDP stands in the government sidelines, diametrically opposed to the very essence of Socialism, but ready to continue to use the word "Socialism" as another of the many false faces that capitalism needs to keep the working class on the treadmill. The working class uses its intelligence to support its masters in luxury. It can use the same intelligence to counter capitalist confusion, to free itself and throw over the badge of the wages system.

J. G. J.

### "OUR COUNTRY"

The B.C. government has just sold another \$7.4 million of "the people's" oil and gas rights to oil corporations, in the same manner as its Socialist predecessor used to do. Presumably, these government proceeds belong to the people too, to spend now badly as much as to millionaires.

Oh, the poorer classlessness of it all!

### CAPITALIST BUREAUCRACY IN THE USSR

"Lack of a rational time table for grain transport is threatening to lead to heavy grain losses in the Sukhobay region near the /also, /even/ the /war/ (Robert on Farming, Aug. 24/74). It is feared that much grain will rot in the fields due to poor organization of transport. Canadian farmers who think nationalizing the CPR will move grain faster - take note. It is the profit motive, perverted society, that causes the heavy use, not private operation. The state is the child of profit, not its antidote.

# railway profits

"PUBLIC"  
AND  
PRIVATE

One farmers' weekly, the "Free Press", calls it the greatest tie-up in history. Another farmers' group called for a declaration of national emergency. The two trans-Canada railways have apparently conducted a slow-down strike against low freight rates imposed by the federal government. The farmers just haven't been getting their grain to the coast terminals and to the "foreign" markets because of a "shortage" of box cars.

The old left Journal, The Commonwealth, of the prairie provinces' NDP and the new left Western Voice of Vancouver have called for nationalization of the CPR. However, the state owned CNR has been just as bad in the slow-down. The NDP paper argues that if the CPR was nationalized (as the Liberal government's transport minister threatened to do recently) both railways could be integrated into an efficient national service and the profits of the CPR would go to the people. Why not the profits of the CN? The NDP says the federal government has been unfair, that the CNR was saddled with "huge debts when it absorbed a number of smaller, bankrupt railway companies, debts from which it has never recovered". Aside from the NDP's worship of profits that the CNR should be making, it never reveals that these debts are in the form of government bonds owned by financial capitalists who have received interest on them (a form of profit) ever since the CN was formed. The heirs of the original owners of the "smaller, bankrupt railways" are doing O.K. The businesses of their parents or grandparents were bailed out by the government and organized into a national rail service for the whole capitalist class, leaving the former owners or descendants with their dirt-added equities.

The operating profit of the CNR for 1970-71 was \$46 million, but \$75.5 million had to be paid to these bond-holding members of the idle rich, the process being hidden behind an innocent sounding phrase like "interest on debts". (Figures from The Free Press Weekly, Nov. 4, 1971). This means that during that year the owning class as a whole had to shell out \$29.5 million through taxation to keep an indispensable part of their

transportation system doing. Goods have to be moved to market where the profits can be realized. Raw materials to the factories. And farmers' wheat to the coast terminals. The CNR is not a bad bargain at all, for the owners of Canada. The Auditor General's report on the 30 Crown corporations in Canada included the CNR as among the majority whose books were in good order. If the CN wants to increase freight rates for hauling grain, why this is only for the purpose of keeping its books in BETTER shape, and the farmers shouldn't complain over this effect of the money-profit system they support. Even if this "people's" railway conducts a slow-down strike to further make its point. And of course, the present private owners of the CPR need have no fear of nationalization of their enterprise. If the state trades them bonds for shares, they can rest assured that their parasite status will remain as solid as that of the former private owners of the CN. What this had to do with profit going to the people is left to the fertile imagination of leftists, old and new.

"Profit sharing", whether conducted specifically in certain industries, as has been unsuccessfully tried in the past, or on the governmental level via taxation of the rich, leaves the system intact with all its social hang-ups of internation-

al competition -- war, drudgery, insecurity, etc. It is just a Leftist name for the dole that has always of necessity been tendered to the worst victims of exploitation to grease the wheels of the system.

The present Conservative government of Ontario is taxing mining companies at far higher rates to pay supplements to old age pensions and to crippled workers than the NDP government is contemplating in B.C. When "profit sharing" keeps workers to produce even more for the capitalist class, the bosses obviously don't mind. So long as they continue their luxurious free ride.

If farmers, or the NDP would like to see hungry people fed, and make a living for themselves too, they will have to stop producing food for sale, and start producing solely for free use. Same applies to the workers who are involved in the sale of their energies for wages. Railways, as means of distribution, will have to be included along with the means of production, to be placed at the disposal of society, to serve society, instead of their present role of serving the profits of the few, and helping to divide society. This means they will have to be commonly owned and democratically controlled by the people of the earth. The state is the obedient servant of capital.

Canada used to be known as "the bread basket of the world" and is still described, facetiously, at times as "the land of plenty". The April/74 issue of Maclean's had a lead article titled "Potluck in The Land Of Plenty" which featured remedies for stretching overstretched working stiff food dollars, and entertaining little verses like

- Old Mother Hubbard  
Went to the Cupboard  
To fetch her dog some bread  
The bread was so dear  
She fought back a tear  
And ate it herself instead.

## The Chicken and Egg War

Maclean's pretended that all was well before inflation started, that poverty began only with the devaluation of currency. And that all is still well if 9 to 5'ers take Maclean's timely tips on how to eat better without raising one's income. But this mouthpiece failed to come up with a reason why anybody should suffer "potluck" in a land of plenty. And indeed, that is not Maclean's purpose. Its job is among other things, the very political purpose of helping workers to survive and work on lower wages, thereby protecting profits and the profit system.

This is the function of government institutions too. For instance the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency which had to destroy 9 million "surplus" eggs last Monday (Victoria Times, Aug. 27/74) in a Quebec warehouse. They had gone rotten waiting for buyers, while the retail price of eggs stands at a record high. (See how governments look after all of us?). This warehouse was probably only a few miles away from Montreal, where undernourished mothers in the poorer districts give birth to babies suffering brain damage through lack of nutrition during gestation. (Weekend, Oct. 17/73).

Back in 1972 there was a Government recommendation to solve the problem of the threatened profits of the egg producers by killing "a million or so laying hens". It is not recalled now whether this actually happened. The main point here is describing the natural function of capitalism. About that time there was a chicken and egg war raging between Manitoba and Quebec Province. Again details not recalled exactly. That is which party to the dispute was the invader - whether Manitoba eggs infiltrated Quebec or vice versa. Later, a news item said - "Sask. may Have Trouble Regulating Egg Production". (Well if Sask. was Socialist there would be no problem at all -- just regulate production to peoples' needs -- free access). Another report had Alberta's Agricultural Minister head-scratching about egg markets, and the "surplus" of eggs.

After the war between Manitoba and Quebec was over, a new one was declared via Manitoba's cheap eggs invading B.C. markets. The B.C. Egg Marketing Board began seizing Manitoba eggs, 52,000 dozen in the first grab, to protect the profits of BC operators. Now when an obedient worker reads these accounts in the press, he is supposed

to forget that BC and Manitoba are run by CCF-NDP governments who are supposed to be "Socialist". They are run by a party which used to sloganize years ago "production for use", a vote-getter if there ever was one. All this resulted in appealing editorials appearing in the dailies for national unity (which here meant unity of Canadian and capitalist you know its OK for capitalists to have wars between nations but not between provinces). This warfare between NDP provinces reminds one of the near state of war between "Communist" Russia and "Communist" China.

The eggs for sale warfare episode was not to be ended here. Seems that lower B.C. mainland entrepreneurs were hogging more than their designated share of the provincial market at the expense of more northern eggproducers. As Marx said, "One capitalist always kills many" - (centralization of capital). Always the champion of the rights of property (to expropriate the unpaid labor of the working class) fair-minded Dave Barrett apparently didn't like to see these entrepreneurial cockroaches preying on each other and told them to desist, or else. David Anderson, the Liberal leader, accused Barrett of this dastardly deed, which Barrett denied, whereupon Anderson accused Barrett of lying to the House. This apparently is a more dastardly deed (lying to one's fellow M.L.A.'s) than lying to the working class outside the legislature, which apparently is condoned. The press publicized this hassle greatly, but no one, including the phony "Socialists", whispered a word about the incongruity of this legislative jockeying for political prestige via too many eggs, while a few blocks away from the scene, pensioners ate pet food, tea and toast, because they couldn't afford to buy good food like eggs. Of course these pensioners have spent their useful lives producing surplus values for that other class, and maybe its too late for their political ideas to change. But its their own thinking, conditioned by the bosses' media, that sees them, after a life-time of production for someone else, left with a dole handed back by those who robbed them. And unable to buy eggs, while the executive committee of the capitalist class destroys eggs by the carload to keep the price up.

Meanwhile, back in the sub-Saharan countries, (the vultures never had it so good) where "people are not as lucky as we are here" They are still dying from a seven year drought, while a news headline says, "Global Crop Disaster Only Hope for Wheat". Steeped in studied ignorance of economics and politics, the nice, well meaning people who produce the goods and services see only use values in the endless array of commodities that flow around them. As Marx said, if commodities were able to speak for themselves, they would say, "In the eyes of each other, we are nothing but exchange values". Under world capitalism, there are real relations between commodities, e.g., exchange relations, with people tied to them. But there is not much in the way of real human relations between people. Commodity production will have to be abolished first. That leaves nothing but people to produce for, by way of free distribution for all.

J.G.J.

### O O P S !

"He brushed his teeth twice a day - with a nationally advertised toothpaste.  
The doctor examined him twice a year.  
He wore his rubbers when it rained.  
He slept with the window open.  
He stuck to a diet with plenty of fresh vegetables.  
He got at least eight hours sleep every night.  
He did his daily dozen daily.  
He was all set to live to be a hundred.  
The funeral will be held next Wednesday. He is survived by eighteen specialists, four health institutes, six symposiums. (And a social system called capitalism). He had forgotten about trains at grade crossings."

What is technically possible is not financially possible, that's the way the prices, wages, profit system is. Level crossings, where railroads and auto-roads intersect, are outmoded dangers to society, technologically. But for capitalism they are still in style. Technology is tied down by the purse strings of the minority that owns and rules.

### PITY TOO, THE POOR EXECUTIVE

In the post World War II boom, he even took the place of the predatory rulers, by occupying the other side of the class war fence in theory. Well remembered is the expression "dispute between management and labor". It is still in use occasionally. The owners of large amounts (more than enough to live on) of stocks, shares and government bonds, the real owners of the means of production and distribution, sit anonymously in the background, while "management" fights its battles against worker resistance to capital's encroachment. And falsely assumes the role of owners.

A rose by any other name would smell as sweet, and the reality of the competitive, paid executive being merely a better paid part of the working class, has never changed. His higher loyalty to the real bosses notwithstanding.

Now a Montreal report - (Victoria Times, Aug. 10/74) reveals how difficult it is for unemployed executives to find a job because of "automation, computers and young blood". Their picture is not rosy, even with the 1972 founding of a get-jobs-that-don't-exist organization called "Program for The Integration Of The Elderly Executive". Its director-general, Jean Jobin of Canada Manpower said - "...hundreds of companies merge each week all over the world, and only one of the two executive staffs remains".

The productive, (or administrative) energy of human beings is a commodity for sale, under capitalism. As such, it is subject to the market demand or surplus that other commodities are. Too bad. But that's the system, so avidly defended, by executives.

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The Socialist Party of Canada holds:

1. That society as at present constituted is based upon the ownership of the means of living (i.e., lands, factories, railways, etc.), by the capitalist or master class, and the consequent enslavement of the working class, by whose labor alone wealth is produced.

2. That in society, therefore, there is an antagonism of interests, manifesting itself as a class struggle, between those who possess but do not produce and those who produce but do not possess.

3. That this antagonism can be abolished only by the emancipation of the working class from the domination of the master class by the conversion into the common property of society of the means of production and distribution, and their democratic control by the whole people.

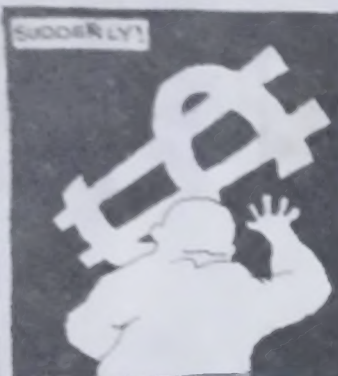
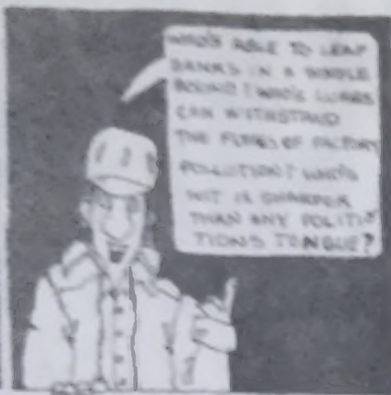
4. That as in the order of social evolution the working class is the last class to achieve its freedom, the emancipation of the working class will involve the emancipation of all mankind, without distinction of race or sex.

5. That this emancipation must be the work of the working class itself.

6. That as the machinery of government, including the armed forces of the nation, exists only to conserve the monopoly by the capitalist class of the wealth taken from the workers, the working class must organize consciously and politically for the conquest of the powers of government, in order that this machinery, including these forces, may be converted from an instrument of oppression into the agent of emancipation and the overthrow of plutocratic privilege.

7. That as political parties are but the expression of class interests, and as the interest of the working class is diametrically opposed to the interests of all sections of the master class, the party seeking working class emancipation must be hostile to every other party.

8. THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA, therefore, enters the field of political action determined to wage war against all other political parties, whether alleged labor or avowedly capitalist, and calls upon all members of the working class of this country to support these principles to the end that a termination may be brought to the system which deprives them of the fruits of their labor, and that poverty may give place to comfort, privilege to equality, and slavery to freedom.



THE DEATH OF SUPER SOCIALIST SYMBOLIZES THE FACT THAT SOCIALISTS DON'T HAVE OR NEED LEADERS. EACH AND EVERY SOCIALIST KNOWS AND UNDERSTANDS CAPITALISM AND ALTERNATIVELY, SOCIALISM. SO WHO NEEDS LEADERS? CAPITALISTS DO. LEADERS LEAD AND THE IGNORANT WORKING CLASS FOLLOW THE CAPITALIST CLASS!